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## Arrivals.

September 23, DOUGLAS, British str., 864.  
E. BURKE, Foochow 19th Sept.  
Attn 26th, and Swatow 22nd, General  
D. LAFFAIS & Co.

September 24, CHINA, German steamer, 648.

P. H. HOBSONS, Canton 23rd Sept.

General—SINNEN & Co.

September 24, OCEAN, British str., 970, Jas

que, put back, General—JARDINE, M.

THOR & Co.

## Clearances.

At the HARBOUR-MASTER'S OFFICE,  
September 23rd.

Yeo, str., for East Coast.

Three Brothers, British bark, for Swatow.

Rowena, British brig, for Tientsin.

Echo, British bark, for Adelaid.

Chinglong, British steamer, for Newchwang.

Vers, German bark, for Newchwang.

Ferdinand, German bark, for Bangkok.

Quarie, Gurkha steamer, for Singapore.

## Departures.

September 23, HALLOON, British steamer, for

Amoy, Taiwan, and Tamsui.

September 23, WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Am. str., for Newchwang.

September 23, KASHMIR, British str., for

Singapore, British brig, for Keeling.

September 23, NESTOR, British steamer, for

Shanghai.

September 23, QUARTA, German steamer, for

Singapore, 23.

September 23, SUNDA, British steamer, for

Yokohama.

September 24, THREE BROTHERS, Siam, bk.

for Swatow.

September 24, YESSO, British str., for East

Coast.

September 24, DECCAN, British steamer, for

Shanghai.

## Passengers.

ARRIVED.

Per Douglas, str., from East Coast—

Dr. and Mrs. BRETON, Mr. Barton, and 196

Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per Beacon, str., for Shanghai—

Mr. and Mrs. Gould, and Mr. C. A. S. Kyn-

ley, 40 Chinese.

Per Nestor, str., for Shanghai—

Master, Mr. E. Bazzacco and F. J. Bach,

and 12 Chinese.

## Reports.

The British steamer Ocean reported left

Hongkong on 24th Sept., bound to Cook-

town. Put back on the 22nd instant in con-

sequence of leakage in the boiler tube.

The British steamer Douglas reports left

Foochow on 18th September, Amoy on the 20th,

and Swatow on the 21st. From Foochow,

one steamship, fresh N. E. winds, and fair

weather. From Amoy to Swatow moderate N.

and N.E. winds. From Swatow to port light

variable winds and fair weather. In Foochow,

H. M. S. Lopring, steamer, Vaso de Gama,

St. Lopring, and Europa, in Amoy, H. M. S. King-

George, Chinese revenue cutter, Lopring, steam-

ship, and Chinese gun boat, Pao-ye. Passer-

the steamer Kedahala, bound North of

Knob Rock at midnight on the 20th. Passer

the steamer, bound North of Thunder Head at

2 a.m. on the 21st. In Swatow, U.S. corvette

Alert, steamers Feronia, Adelene, and Feronia I.

Passer the steamer Norma, bound into

Swatow, and one of Mores' steamers bound

North of Huanan Point.

## SWATOW SHIPPING.

September 23, ARRIVALS.

14. Name, British steamer, from Coast Ports.

15. Name, British bark, from Hongkong.

15. Albatross, German bark, from Newchwang.

15. Prothib, German brig, from Newchwang.

15. Minette, French bark, from Newchwang.

15. Caribbrook, British str., from Hongkong.

17. Leonor, British steamer, from Hongkong.

17. H. B. BEEBERTON, British bark, from Canton.

18. Fugue, French steamer, from Hongkong.

19. Yeo, British steamer, for Amoy, 20.

20. Newton, British bark, for Tientsin.

20. Cuentin, British steamer, for Tientsin.

20. AMOY SHIPPING.

September 23, ARRIVALS.

13. Name, British steamer, from Foochow.

14. Gestra, Dutch str., from Newchwang.

14. Vesta, German bark, from Newchwang.

15. Albatross, British bark, for Newchwang.

15. Parades, German bark, for Newchwang.

15. Name, British steamer, for Swatow.

15. Name, British steamer, for Shanghai.

15. Name, British steamer, for Swatow.

15. Sotter, Swedish bark, for Tientsin.

16. Douglas, British steamer, for Foochow.

16. Concordia, German str., for Tientsin.

16. Herman, German bark, for Newchwang.

16. Yeo, British steamer, for Swatow.

16. Adelene, British steamer, for Hongkong.

16. Vesta, British steamer, for Foochow.

16. Gestra, Dutch str., for Foochow.

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DEATH.

At Friedrichsberg, Germany, on the 2nd August, CAESAR KRUGER, Esq., late of Swatow, in his 38th year.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1876.

We are in receipt of a copy of the official Report by Sir BROOKE ROBERTSON respecting his visit to Haiphong and Hanoi. It is not long since that Dr. DIXON's report on those ports was published and commented upon, and we cannot find in the *Blue Book* before us many additional particulars, if Sir BROOKE's personal experiences are left out of the question. There are, however, some few items which are interesting and fresh. In journeying up the Songkai, or Red River, from Haiphong to Hanoi, Sir BROOKE remarked that the country appeared in a high state of cultivation, that there seemed to be a tolerable amount of beat and junk traffic, that fishing a considerable extent was carried on, and that on the whole there were fair indications of a well-to-do and contented population. He passed some extensive works being prosecuted to repair an immense breach which last year's freshets had made in the river bank. The Annamites, like the Chinese, instead of dredging the channel of the river, which would surely be advisable to give them a more navigable waterway, had raised the bottom so that the water level of the adjoining land, and if it bursts through the land the whole country is laid under water. Sir BROOKE formed a rather favourable opinion of Hanoi. It is, according to his account, well-situated and presents a pleasing appearance from the river. He found the streets broad and the houses fairly built, with considerable air and built going on, the shops well stocked, and the markets plentifully supplied. Sir BROOKE gives the native population at 160,000 to 200,000. Perhaps he includes the surrounding district; the population of the city itself

is, we understand, only 60,000. There are also some 8,000 Chinese residents, and a great deal—if not the principal part—of the trade of the place is in their hands: Sir BROOKE gives a brief history of Tonquin from the year 1740, and a statement of the acquisitions made by France in Cochinchina. He also sketches in a few paragraphs the position of the country in reference to Christianity. There are reported to be 400,000 Christians in Tonquin, all of them being, of course, Roman Catholics; nothing is, however, said of the prospects of the Mission. But they appear to be prospering, and as they are under powerful protection, are likely to flourish.

But the most important part of the Report is undoubtedly that which deals with the prospects of trade with Yunnan. The Songkai is Sir BROOKE's river, says, navigable from Mangsue, the "last city"—the most southern it is to be presumed—in Yunnan and so down to the sea, a distance of 414 miles. This town is the *cross-roads*, where goods are shipped to and from Tonquin, the mart being a more northern city, called Mangsue. Below Mangsue, in Annamite territory, is situated the town of Lashay, two days journey from the river. The Songkai divides in numerous branches, and the two southern ones meet at Hanoi. Sir BROOKE is of opinion that, if well surveyed, the river would present no greater impediment to navigation up to the capital, than the Yangtze does up to Hankow, while vessels of light draught could, he thinks, readily ascend as far as to Mangsue. He says:—"I saw the peculiarly-constructed boats of great length, and drawing little water, employed in ascending the river as far as Mangsue and Mangsue, and closely questioned one or two who had been that route and they stated no difficulties existed. That the river Songkai is available, therefore, for the transit of rich ore and produce of Yunnan and Tonquin seems certain, and on the removal of three obstacles along a large and profitable trade may be said to depend, namely the consent of the Governments of Tonquin and China to open the mines, and the clearance of the frontier of refugee Chinese and Javans of black mail. These accomplished, the rest is easy." The outlaws known as the Black and Yellow Flags are without—doubt—a serious obstruction to legitimate trade, and the sooner the Government of Tonquin and China take measures to put them down the better for commercial interests. It is to be feared, however, that if the task is left to them its execution will be long deferred. The Government of Peking has enough work of the sort on its hands for the present, and the Annamite Authorities are noted for lethargy. If these lawless classes are ever to be effectively dispersed, the work will have to be undertaken by the French. Sir BROOKE BOSWELL expresses an opinion that if a trade is opened with Yunnan and Kwangsi by the Songkai, it will not necessarily interfere with the route of the Shan States and Burma. The two routes offer equal advantages, but the points of exit are distant, and, as one gives geographical facilities which the other does not possess, there is no reason why their interests should clash.

With regard to the commercial products and resources of Tonquin Sir BROOKE says little; what information he furnishes was, he tells us, derived from a native call, PERNAS THUONG VINH, who was an employee of the French Government at Saigon, and had been sent into to inquire into the trading capacities of Tonquin. This man represented that country as being rich in producing of all kinds, possessing coal, copper, and tin, gold, and silver. Its agricultural capabilities are, he assured Sir BROOKE, immense, and silk is abundant and cheap ("a piece of it might be purchased at Hanoi for \$150 which would cost \$250 at Saigon or \$400 in China"). This statement must, we should think, be taken with a grain of salt, as the magistrates told him next time he wanted to peruse the ceremony of swearing to be more exact.

The Chinese coolie, who was

assaulted by the chief coolie, was charged with assaulting HU Achuan, also a chief coolie. Considerable trouble was created by this coolie in Canton, China. He was lying on his bed threatening and asking defendant to pay him fifteen cash he owed him. Defendant denied owing the money, and threw a glass lamp at complainant, which cut his eyebrow. Wong Akow, head carpenter, was charged with assaulting the chief coolie, who was

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## Extracts.

## A SUICIDE.

Judge not! "Thou art the son;  
Strongly the w-b of destiny is ordered;  
In high-natured man  
The loftiest wth depths of maddest bordered!  
Jude not! The taper's light  
Is too small creature for valiant's burning;  
The cold, the bright, the bright,  
That wisdom, with whom none all barriers sprung  
Jude not! Beyond the pride of man  
We shall know better of immense, great trial.  
This man submits, a slave;  
The other fights, and dies, in flora floral.  
But He who views the strife  
Calm from without, more wise than those within it  
Counts the long "Yes" and "No".  
Not the "No" the single fatal minute.  
Spectator.

## THE BUTTERFLY.

## (FROM THE JAPANESE).

I have a son who has tried to kill himself.  
Then comes the son of all men with it, ray.  
But dreams of death, but the passing day's pleasure.  
She lives like a butterfly golden and gay.  
In summer's full glory, when south winds are sighing,  
And earth's sweetest roses with sweet passion start.  
And the joy, in soft autumn dying,  
It chooses a blossom and clings to its heart.  
But when tempest gather and stirs the blue morning,  
And mist-covered mountains from over the plain,  
It leaves the poor plant its bright hues are adoring,  
And speeds with swift wing from the wrath of the rain.  
Ah! light in the love that grows still in dark weather,  
It sings in the sunning, but pines in the shade;  
Unless we can wonder with hearts together,  
Go, and find a new love, my beautiful land!

## Japan Mail.

## COSSACKS.

At the middle of the last century thousands of Russians were still sold annually in the slave markets of the Crimea, and the practice went on till the Crimea was annexed to the Russian Empire by Catherine II. Even then the kidnapping did not entirely cease. Indeed

it was still practised in our day by the Khan of Khiva and other potentates who had succeeded in maintaining their independence. These two different kinds of colonisation naturally produced different kinds of colonists. In the north the colonists were all agriculturists or traders; in the south, besides the agriculturists and traders, were formed a peculiar hybrid class of men, half colonists and half soldiers, known under the name of Cossacks. In old times, when the struggle above mentioned was going on, it was necessary to keep always a large number of light irregular troops on the southern frontier in order to protect the sedentary population against the raids of the nomadic Tartars. These troops were recruited sometimes in the same way and sometimes by sending to the frontier the inmates of the jails, and the name Cossack was commonly applied to them. But these were not the Cossacks best known to history and romance. The genuine "free Cossacks" lived beyond the frontier and possessed a certain military organisation, which enabled them not only to defend themselves against the Tartars but even to make raids on Tartar territory, and repay in some measure the Tartars which the Tartars had committed in Russia. Each one of the rivers flowing southwards—the Dnieper, the Don, the Volga, the Yark or Ural—was held by a band of these free Cossacks, and no one, whether Cossack or Tartar, was allowed to pass through their territory without their permission. Officially they were Russians, professed champions of Orthodoxy, and loyal subjects of the Tsar, but in reality they were something different. Though they were Russians by origin, language, and sympathy, the habit of kidnapping Tartar women introduced a certain mixture of Tartar blood. Though professed champions of Orthodoxy, they troubled themselves very little with religion and did not submit to the ecclesiastical authorities. Their political status cannot be easily defined. Though they professed allegiance and devotion to the Tsar, they did not think it necessary to obey him, except in so far as his orders suited their own convenience. And the Tsar, it must be confessed, acted towards them in a similar fashion. When the Tsar found it convenient, he called them his faithful subjects; and when complaints were made to him about their raids into Turkish territory, he declared that they were runaway and brigands and that the Sultan must punish them as he thought fit. At the same time, however, even when they were declared to be brigands, they regularly received ammunition and supplies from Moscow, as is proved by recently published documents. *—Forthright Review.*

## HALUCINATIONS.

Strange, even incredible, as it appears, some people are subject to hallucinations, which are sometimes as wild and grotesque as those of any patient in a lunatic asylum.

For instance, a New York gentleman of good social standing, every summer imagined himself to be an animal, and he was tormented by a violent hydrocephalus. He is perfectly aware that this is an hallucination; nevertheless he suffers terribly from it. He will suffer for hours before he will dare to attempt to quench his thirst by swallowing a liquid.

Of course, ultimately by a strong effort of will, this imaginary hydrocephalus will wash his hands and experience no real difficulty; he will drink water or wine at last, without any evil results. But the amount of suffering he perfectly sans and healthily gentleman undergoes from this hallucination has been something fearful to contemplate. Another case is that of a young lady who, for a certain portion of every day, fancied that all the people she meets were snakes. These snakes were as mad as, no disease, no nervousness. She will talk, write, walk, or dress in a perfectly natural manner, though her mother, her servant, the people she meets in the street, will all seem to be wearing masks. Another case is recorded in which a person perfectly sane would always speak in whisper, convinced that when so doing he was speaking in an ordinary tone. If any one bent down, or came near to catch what he said, he would look in wonder, or construe it as an impenitence. This hallucination lasted for several months.

The constant presence of an hallucination, although it is known to be such, will in some cases induce suicide. "I know," said Wigand, "a very intelligent and amiable man who had the power of placing before his own eyes himself, and who often laughed at his double, who in turn would laugh at him. For some time this was a subject of amusement—a joke—but the ultimate result was terrible. He became gradually convinced that he was haunted by himself, and, to avoid his terrible double, blew his brains out."

The classes denominated nervous people are generally regarded as more prone to become the victims of hallucinations than persons of a phlegmatic temperament. Yet, as has been shown, the latter class is subject to hallucinations. The illusions to which the nervous are prone are, however, more intense or more enduring, it would seem. A perfectly sane woman, a French lady of education, but very nervous, imagined herself, for years, to be possessed by devils. Another lady said that her own skin always looked as if it were covered with scales. Another always felt that a snake was crawling along her person. Another female fancied that all the meat she was eating, a robust person, was a man who was perchance the long lost son, yet he was eating all the time, fully satisfied, after each meal the same. A perfectly healthy person, of course, would have been within his right to suppose that his skin was covered with scales. Another always felt that a snake was crawling along his person. 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